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HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES AND QUERIES.

ENGLISH RECORDS RELATING TO VIRGINIA.

(From Reports of Royal Historical Manuscripts Commission. The Manuscripts of the Earl of Dartmouth, Vol. II.)

MOSES FRANKS TO JOHN HARRIS CRUGER.

1775, September 4. Teddington.—Is uncertain how long communication will be allowed them. Has noted well his letter of 5 July on business in general, yet finds remittances come from Philadelphia, Virginia and even Boston, so hopes New York will not stand alone in forbearance. "What has private Faith, Credit and Confidential Trust to do with publick Disagreement?" [&c., &c.]

Copy. Intercepted. 3 1/3 folio pages.

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COLONEL GEORGE MERCER TO [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, September 9, Curzon Street.—His present distresses from not being reimbursed the £1100 paid out of his own pocket when employed as stamp distributor for Virginia.

Autograph letter signed. 6 quarto pages.

Endorsed: Col. Mercer, 9th Sept., 1775, representing this necessitous circumstances, &c.

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SIR JAMES ADOLPHUS OUGHTON TO [LORD DARTMOUTH.]

1775, September 12. Caroline Park. * * * The people of Glasgow are in high spirits and several ships have arrived from Virginia laden with tobacco * * *

Autograph letter signed. 3 quarto pages.

Evidenced: Sir Ad's Oughton, 12 Sept'r, 1775.

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EDWARD MONTAGUE TO PEYTON RANDOLPH.

1775, October 2. London.—"As this is the last mail which will be allowed to go from hence I am unwilling to loose the opportunity of bidding you a long farewell." Does not believe he is yet a rebel but understands his "*Patriotism is not below Proof.*" Knows that the object of the Colonies is total independence, and if he were in power

would grant it to them as the quickest way to ruin which their present actions are leading them to. "I read all your Prints from Charles Town to Boston, and find truth in none and no other meaning but continuing the Delusion of the poor ignorant People, who must be sacrificed by Thousands to gratify the Pride and ambition of that damn'd Rascal John Adams. If your Designs are Completed, and you should become a separate State I hope he will turn out another Cromwell.—He'll make a noble Protector tho' but an indifferent Malster.—His letter to Mr. Warren exhibits a true Picture of that *Moderation and Tenderness* which would prevail in him in the exercise of Power.—If Gage does not raise him to a more *exalted* Station he wont be content with any Thing less from your hands than Stadtholder, but I hope you will be in no danger of that embarrassment." Fears he (Randolph) will be driven to the Indians for protection unless the Maritime Towns become bomb-proof. "Such a Peal of Thunder is preparing for you that will shake even the Apalation Mountains."

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[Edward Montague had been agent for Virginia in England. The letter is addressed to Peyton Randolph, President of the Continental Congress, and formerly Speaker of the Virginia House of Burgesses.]

J[ONATHAN WATSON TO [LORD DARTMOUTH].

[1775], November 17. Friday Evening.—Informs him of the proceedings of some back woodsmen towards the Indians in Virginia which was the cause of the last Indian war quelled by Lord Dunmore and which cost £150,000 at least. Apprehensions of another attack led him to suggest the division of that province into East and West Virginia. Measures that would subdue the rebellion.

Autograph letter signed J. W. 2 quarto pages.

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JONATHAN WATSON TO [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November 24. Suffolk Street.—Desires if any Commissioners are sent to treat with the Americans his son may be one of them as his own age and health prevent him taking any active part. Congratulations upon His Lordship's recent appointment. His second son needs employment as a clerk. Fears Lord Dunmore reckons he can recover his authority with fewer troops than he (Watson) thinks possible. Is sure a fleet of transports would find difficulty in landing in Virginia till March. Refers to a plan for a tax at home which he will mention to His Lordship or Lord North if desired.

Autograph letter signed. 3 quarto pages.

Endorsed: Mr. Watson of Virginia, 1775.

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CYRUS GRIFFIN TO LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, December 30.—Grange Court, Cary Street, Lincoln's Inn.—Has frequently done himself the honour of waiting upon his Lordship but has never been so fortunate as to obtain a personal interview. Believes an accomodation with America can only be brought about by a plan similar to the enclosed Distress of Americans from the present deplorable situation. Apology for troubling his Lordship with this.

Autograph letter signed. 1 quarto page.

Endorsed: C. Griffin, 30 Dec'r, 1775, w'th plan of reconciliation.

Enclosure:

Plan of reconciliation between Great Britain and her Colonies. In Cyrus Griffin's hand. 4 quarto pages. (404)

[Cyrus Griffin, son of Leroy Griffin, of Richmond county, Va., entered the Middle Temple, 1771. President of the Continental Congress, 1788. See this Magazine, XVIII, 435.]

JONATHAN WATSON TO [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, January 29. Bath.—Learns from the newspapers of Lord North's intended proposals to the House of Commons for the effectual security of America. Refers to a former private memorial and a pamphlet in answer to Dr. Price; did not sign them for fear his house in Virginia should be burnt. Opinion on dividing Virginia into two provinces.

Autograph letter signed. 3 quarto pages.

Endorsed: Mr. Watson, 29 Jan'y, 1777.

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WILLIAM CRUDEN TO LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, February 21. Crown Court, Covent Garden.—Has received the enclosed letter from his son only this evening. It contains several hints, which, if duly prosecuted, might show that the blame of our miscarriage lies, not at the door of Administration at home, but hard by the headquarters at Philadelphia. Intends Calling on Monday morning.

Autograph letter signed. 1 quarto page.

Enclosure:

JOHN CRUDEN, JR., TO THE REVEREND MR. CRUDEN.

1778, January 28. *New York.*—Return of Mr. Cornell and family from Newbern in North Carolina. "J. Londen went with him from here in the Flag of Truce with a view to getting some of his property out of that Country, from whom I received a letter" dated 26 December. Persecution of friends of Government continues. Distress which prevails in New York. Virginia and Maryland supplied with goods from North Carolina into which province an amazing quantity of goods is brought. Is sure of the good that would result if Lord Howe would grant letters of Marque to the merchants of this town. The rebel army "have received every necessary in that roundabout way, and the insignificance of the place (Occraook) prevents Lord Howe from Landing Vessels to cruize there . . . all the Tobbs of James River in Virginia is shipped from it now." . . . Some gentlemen of Virginia and Carolina who applied to Lord Howe to send vessels there, explained to him the service they would render as well as the profit that would arise to themselves. His Lordships words were: "Will you never give these poor people an opportunity of coming in"—"If such measures are to bring them in farewell America it will never be my country." All the resources of the rebels should be cut off by allowing them no trade to the Southward and no privateers to the Northward. Information received from Mr. Tucker of Virginia, of 2,700 men being voted in Congress for the ensuing Campaign. Sentiments concerning the enlisting in the rebel army. Is anxious to hear the result of Parliament in learning the dreadful State of General Burgoyne's Captivity. Intended departure for Philadelphia. . . .

Autograph letter signed. 4 3/4 folio pages. (458)

[During the Revolution, the War of 1812 and the Civil War, the shallow waters of the North Carolina sounds were favorite resorts of blockade runners. This commerce during the Revolution, would supply an interesting subject for North Carolina historical writers.]

WASHINGTON PEDIGREE.

Showing the relationship of General George Washington with the Dartmouth family.

1 folio page.

Endorsed: Washington Pedigree. (488)

[Sir William Washington of Packington, uncle of the emigrants, had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married William Legge, Esq., ancestor of the Earls of Dartmouth.]

PENSION CLAIM OF MATHEW CLARKE.

Declaration of Matthew Clark, of Anderson District, S. C., for pension as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, filed October 5, 1832.

State of South Carolina,
Pickens District.

On this October 5, 1832, personally appeared in open court for Pickens District, Matthew Clark of Anderson District, in the State aforesaid, lately part of Pendleton District, aged nearly 70 years, who being duly sworn in open court according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain benefit of provisions made by the Act of Congress of June 7, 1832. That shortly before he became 16 years of age he then being under the age to enlist in the regular service, and having two brothers in the regular service, he made an application, and was permitted to join Captain Hatcher's company in Goochland, or Goocheland County, in the State of Virginia, under the command of Colonel Flemming, afterwards under the command of Major Morris. That the army with whom he served joined the army under the command of General Washington, when he came on from the north to oppose the progress of Lord Cornwallis, that he was present at the capture of Cornwallis with the army under his command. That he was detached as one of a guard under the command of Captain Pier, to convey part of the prisoners to the back part of Virginia. That before they reached the place of destination he was left by the commanding officer of the guard to take care of some who were sick, and not able to march; that owing to this circumstance, and the time of his service expiring about that time, he did not obtain a regular discharge.

In answer to the first interrogatory, said Matthew Clark said he was born in Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia, on February 7, 1733.

In answer to the second he saith that the time of his birth was recorded in his father's family Bible, which remained in the possession of his father when he left Virginia.

In answer to the third he saith that he lived with his father in Goochland County, Virginia, at the time he joined Captain Hatcher's company, as before stated. After he served about a year, as before stated, he returned to his father and lived with him for a few years. He afterwards lived for about ten years in Prince Edward County, Virginia, from whence he removed to Pendleton District, South Carolina, where he has lived ever since.

In answer to the fourth he saith that he was permitted to join Captain Hatcher's company a short time before he was of a proper age

to enlist, that he was received in the army, and served as a regular soldier.

In answer to the fifth he said that he has before named the officer under whom he served.

This deponent saith he knows of no documentary evidence that he can conveniently procure, having been so long absent from Virginia where his services were rendered, to prove his services aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

In open court

WILLIAM L. KEITH, Clerk.

We, David Sloan and Robert Anderson, residing in Pickens District, State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that we have been well acquainted with Matthew Clark who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, for many years; that he is of good character; that we believe him to be near seventy years of age as stated in his declaration; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court before William Keith, Clerk.

(Signed) D. SLOAN,

(Signed) R. ANDERSON.

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion, after a careful examination of the matter, and after causing the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to be put and answered by applicant, that he was a soldier of the Revolution, and served as he has stated in his declaration, and the court further certifies that David Sloan and Robert Anderson, who have signed the preceding certificate, reside in Pickens District, South Carolina, that they are credible persons whose certificate is entitled to due faith and credit.

(Signed) RICHARD GANNT.

I, William L. Keith, Clerk of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas, do hereby certify that the foregoing contain the original proceedings on the application of Matthew Clark for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal of office this fifth day of October, 1832.

(Signed) WILLIAM L. KEITH,

[Seal]

Clerk of the Court of Pickens District.

EYRE-KENDALL, &c.

I was much interested in reading in the Virginia Magazine of January at page 10, the Kendall Family, about my ancestor, Thomas Eyre. His widow, Susanna Baker Eyre, married Captain Francis Potts afterwards. Col. William Kendall subsequently married her. Thomas Eyre was a Quaker, who resided on the ocean side of the eastern shore of Virginia, at his plantation called "Golden Quarter." (North Hampton county records, liber 7, folio 72; also Justice's Life and Ancestry of Warner Mifflin, pp. 11 and 12).

Daniel Eyre was the youngest of the three sons (John, Thomas and Daniel) of Thomas and Susanna (Baker) Eyre. Thomas Eyre was a Quaker. He lived on the ocean side of the eastern shore of Virginia, in Northampton county, at his plantation called "Golden Quarter." He died 1657. Will dated 11 mo. 18, 1657; probated 12 mo. 12, 1657; recorded Vol. VII, p. 72, Northampton county, Va., Records. Susanna (Baker) Eyre died circa 1683. She married (second) Captain Francis Potts, and (third) Lieutenant-Colonel William Kendall.

Tradition says Thomas Eyre (who was in Northampton county, Va., before 11 mo., 1643), was sent down by William Penn, commissioned to aid in establishing Quaker Meeting Houses on the peninsula. He was a man of some wealth and bequeathed lands to his sons, John, Thomas and Daniel.

Susanna (Baker) Eyre was the sister of Daniel Baker. In his will he gives property to William Kendall, Jr., and Mary Kendall "the son and daughter of Lieut.-Col. William Kendall, and my sister Susanna his wife." Vol. 7-8, p. 12, Northampton county, Va., Records. See also Bill of Sale of Mare by Daniel Baker to his "brother William Kendall, for the joint benefit of John, Thomas and Daniel Eyre." Vol. 1657-1666, p. 81, dated 1 mo. 28, 1662. For proof that Susanna was the mother of John, Thomas and Daniel Eyre, see release from Thomas Eyre to Lieut.-Col. William Kendall, 10 mo. 28, 1678. See, also, patent to "Eyre Hall," dated 3 mo. 30, 1662, granted to John, Thomas and Daniel Eyre by Governor Sir William Berkeley, and divided 5 mo. 28, 1688, Vol. II, Deeds and Wills, etc., p. 172, Northampton County, Va., Records. The patent was made out in the name of Lieut.-Col. William Kendall, their stepfather, who conveyed it to them, and stated in Deed of Conveyance that the land was theirs in right of their father, Thomas Eyre, but that he had caused patent to be made for conveyance and better management of the property. John Eyre, the eldest son, having heired the old home place, "Golden Quarter," sold his interest in the patented lands to his brothers for a nominal sum. (Northampton County, Va., Records, liber 7, folio 72; also Justice's "Life and Ancestry of Warner Mifflin, pp. 11 and 12.)

My line of descent may be of interest to other descendants. I am ninth in descent from Thomas Eyre. His will was proved 12 February, 1657, and he married Susanna Baker, who died circa 1683. After his death Susanna (Baker) Eyre married (1) Captain Francis Potts, (2) Lieut.-Col. William Kendall.

The youngest son, Daniel Eyre, married Anne Neech and her will was proved 14 February, 1721. Their daughter, Sarah Eyre, married Thomas Nock, who died after 14 February, 1721. Their daughter, Sarah Nock, married before April 25, 1728, James Wilson, Jr., who was born 10 January, 1693, and Sarah Wilson, their daughter, born 18 February, 1745, married 2 February, 1763, Jonathan Neall of Talbot county, Maryland, who afterwards moved to Milford, Del. Their daughter, Mary Neall, born 29 October, 1773, died 8 September, 1802, married 15 November, 1825, Caleb Barrett, son of Philip Barrett of Kent county, Del., and their son, James Barratt, Sr., born Barratt Plantation, Kent county, Del., 1797, died in Philadelphia, 3 February, 1862, married 2 December, 1823, Ellen Leighton Dill, born December 1, 1805, died December 25, 1868. Their son, James Barratt, Jr., born 17 December, 1826, died 2 February, 1872, married 16 May, 1855, Mary Irvine Cummings, daughter of William Cummings, Esq., who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., 12 December, 1832, died July 4, 1869, and their son, Norris S. Barratt, of Philadelphia, was born 23 August, 1862, married October 17, 1894, to Ellen Levering, of Baltimore, Md., born October 14, 1874, three children: Norris Stanley Barratt, born August 27, 1895; Thomas Levering Barratt, born May 11, 1899; Edith Barratt, born August 31, 1907.

A short account of the Barratt family appear in History of Delaware, Vol. III, p. 892, by Judge Henry C. Conrad.

These memoranda I have given you are taken from the records and are correct, as they were verified when I became a member of the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania a few years ago.

NORRIS S. BARRATT.

ABSTRACTS OF PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA., WILLS.

(Contributed by MRS. N. E. CLEMENT, Chatham, Va.)

Patrick Shields, Planter, d. 1770, Sept. 22, prob. Nov. 29, 1770. Wit. Joseph Cunningham, Thomas Cunningham. Ex., Samuel Shields, James Shields and John Shields. Leg., wife Jeane Shields, sons Robert, Thomas and Joseph Shields; also Samuel Shields, James Shields, John Shields and William Shields. Page 368, Will Book 5.

Mary Clock, Parish of Nottoway, Amelia county, d. June 30, 1750; prob. Aug. 29, 1770. Wit., Crespen Shelton, John Shelton. Leg., sons

Ralph Shelton, John Shelton, Crispen Shelton, Benjamin Shelton, James Shelton, and grandchildren Reuben Shelton and Patience Catesby Blockey she gives 1 shilling sterling. To daughter Elizabeth Davis the best of her wearing clothes; to son Daniel Shelton and his heirs all of the rest of her estate. Page 370, B. 5.

Joshua Worsham of Pittsylvania county, d. April 20, 1771; probate Aug. 29, 1771. Wit., Thomas Duncan, William Melton and George Southerland. Leg., wife Mary Worsham, the plantation whereon we now live. Sons John Worsham, Thomas, Daniel, Robert, Joshua, daughters Mary, Michel, Patty and Phebe. Ex., beloved wife Mary and son David.

Benjamin Terry of Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county, d. Dec. 28, 1760; prob., Sept. 27, 1770. Wit., Theophibus Lacy, John King, William King. Ex., wife Eliz. Terry and son Nath'l. Leg., wife Elizabeth Irby, son Nathaniel Terry, survey of land on Sandy Creek and 2 negroes; son Benjamin, land I now live on and 2 negroes; son Peter, land on mine branch, 2 negroes; son Joseph Terry, 2 negroes; son Robert, survey of land and 2 negroes; dgt. Keziah Murphy, 2 negroes; to dgt. Livinia King and her dgt. Grace Terry, 2 negroes; dgt. Sarah Terry, 2 negroes; dgt. Elizabeth Buckingham, 2 negroes; dgt. Mary Terry, 2 negroes. The rest of his estate to be sold and divided equally between his children. Page 378.

John King of Pitts. county, d. April 27, 1771, prob. Nov. 26, 1771. Wit., Isham Dalton, John Stunson, Woodlief Thomas, William Astin. Ex., friend Hugh Challis. Leg., sons Malichi, Elijah, friend Hugh Challis, grandson John King, and the rest of his children, not mentioned. Page 379.

John Couch, of Pitts. county, d. April 3, 1771, prob. March 26, 1772. Wit., Eliz. Tunstall, Samuel and John Walker. Ex., Mary Peterson and William Tunstall. Leg., Mary Peterson, and children Mary and Unity and George.

James Boulling of Pittsylvania, May 20, 1771, prob. September 24, 1772. Wit., William Edwardson, Thomas Edwards, Isham Edwards. Ex., wife Elizabeth Boleing and son James Boleing, Jr. Leg., children Judith, John, Mary, James and Ann shall have "one equal part of my estate, & Ann and William shall have two equal parts." Page 387.

James Waldrope of Pittsylvania county, May 26, 1772, prob. July 23, 1772. Wit., Samuel Bolling, Edward Wade, John Waldrope. Ex., none appointed, wife Sarah acted. Leg., Jeremiah Ward, a certain parcel of land, for the consideration of £5. Remainder of land to wife Sarah, at her death to go to son James.

John Kirby of Pittsylvania county, d. Nov. 19, 1772, prob. Feb. 25, 1773. Wit., William Dabney, John Davis, Peyton Smithe. Ex., wife Joanna. Leg., to sons Frones, John, David, Henry, Josiah, Jesse, and daughters Mary Hubbard and Susannah Thomson one shilling "starling" each; beloved wife Joanna Kearby the remainder of my estate.

James Sims "of the County of Pitts. in the colony of Virginia," Aug. 6, 1772, prob. March 25, 1773. Wit., Matthew Sims, Sally Sims, James Johnson, Eliz. Patterson, Philip Deatherage. Exec. "My loving brothers Matthew and John Sims. Leg., wife Sarah Sims and children, not mentioned.

George Roberts, of Pittsylvania county, d. March 10, 1773, prob. May 27, 1773. Wit., Gabriel Richards, John Caldwell, Mary Durrell. Ex., Allen Cald and William Durrutt. Leg., land equally divided between four of his children, viz.: George Roberts, Dorothy Caldwell, Sarah Blair and Alie Hamlin, one shilling sterling to daughter Mary Hamilton and son John Roberts.

Ambrose Porter of Pittsylvania county, d. June 18, 1773, prob. July 22, 1773. Wit., Rich. Taliaferro, Peter Bailly. Ex., Henry McDaniels and son Benjamine. Gives dgt. Anne one shilling and to Anne's 5 youngest children, viz.: John, Milby, Suzanna, Ambrose and Arthur one cow each. To dgt. Mary 150 ac. of land with plantation she now lives on, on White Oak Cr. To sons Benjamine and Joseph remainder of land. Wife Jemima, rest of estate. £50 to dgts. Jane and Lucanna.

John Payne of Pittsylvania county, Oct. 2, 1771, prob. Sept. 23, 1773. Wit., David Harriss, Joseph Harriss and John Harriss. Ex., wife Hannah. Leg., sons John, Daniel, Marke, and Edward and wife Hannah.

Samuel Davis of Pittsylvania county, d. Nov. 29, 1772, prob. Nov. 25, 1773. Wit., Peyton Smith, Judith Smith, John Long. Ex., wife Sarah Davis and son John. Leg., wife Sarah and children Eliz. Kearby, John Davis, Wilmoth Davis and Susannah Davis. "If my negro woman Fillis shall be a longer liver than I & my wife, my desire is for her to have a maintenance out of my estate." Page 404.

John Wildricks Bender of Pittsylvania county, d. July 20, 1769, prob. Feb. 24, 1774. Wit., Arch. Hughes, Jno. Pare. Ex., Haman Critz, Sr. Leg., Magdalen his dearly beloved wife, sole heir for her lifetime, then as follows,—to dgt. Mary Bender 212 acres on Stones Creek, to dgt. Elizabeth Wilkes £25, grandson John Bender £25, to grandson Jacob Goolden £10 and 190 acres on Stones Creek.

Thomas Dillard of Pittsylvania county, d. May 4, 1774, prob. June 23, 1774. Wit., Thomas Vaughan, Jno. Dillard, Eliz. Dillard. Ex., son Thom. Dillard. To son James Dillard a number of negroes and a tract of land "lying on Straightstone Creek. To son Thomas Dillard he bequeaths negroes Will, Sarah, and her children, Robbin, Ben, Nan, Judy and her child Sarah; likewise the plantation whereon he now lives."

Mathias Everson of Pittsylvania county, Oct. 18, 1771, prob. Feb. 26, 1774. Wit., Jacob Golden, Philip Smith, Wm. Webb, Hamon Critz. Leg., Hamon Critz, Sr., "my well-beloved friend, whom I constitute, make & ordain my only & sole heir of all my estate."

Stephen Heard of Pittsylvania county, d. Oct. 29, 1774, prob. Nov. 24, 1774. Wit., Peter Gillam, Isham Belcher, Robt. Hughes, Geo. Heard, Ch. Cocherham. Leg., wife Mary, children Jesse, Stephen, George, Mary Heard, Anne Gwilim, and Susannah Standeford.

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Mark Payne of Pittsylvania county, d. Sept. 23, 1774, prob. Mar. 25, 1775. Wit., Jno. Dickenson, David Payne, Edm. Payne. Legt. To youngest brother Stephen Pane, 100 acres, "left me by my father Jno. Pane." To Gilbert Turner one horse. Appoints his loving mother Hannah Payne executrix.

Thom. Wier, of Pittsylvania county, d. May 15, 1772, prob. June 26, 1775. Wit., Thom. Duncan, Thom. Prestcott, Wm. Lawson. Ex., wife Agnes. Legt., wife Agnes, children Wm., John, Bezabell and Margaret. To Elizabeth Weir, "or her heir born in the town of Dorchester, N. England, near Boston," £50 from sale of lands on Cape Fair. To grandson Weir Dickerson £40.

James Hix of Pittsylvania county, Parish of Camden, d. Jan. 28, 1776, prob. May 23, 1776. Wit., Jno. Lohmon, Elisha Harboun, David Lanier, Thomas Jameson, Jno. Lindsay. Ex., wife Frances Hix and brother Benj. Hix of Brunswick county. Legt., wife Frances Hix, leaves 4 negroes and lands. Mentions children Miles, Patsy, Nancy, Elizabeth, Frankey, Dolly and the child my wife is now with.

NORTHAMPTON COURT HOUSE.

(From the records of Northampton County.)

At a court held for Northampton County the 9th day of December, 1730, the following order was entered:

The Court house of this county being much out of repair and not in a Condition for the Justices to do the county business in, which the Court having taken into consideration came to A Resolution to build one of Brick and to treat with workmen who will undertake the same in February Court next, and it is ordered that the Sheriff give Public Notice hereof, both in Accomack and this County.

Then in due course, at the February term following the record recites that,

"At a Court held for Northampton County the 9th day of Feb., 1731,

The Court having in December Court last past an order to treat with Workmen to build A Brick Courthouse for this County and this day several bidders appearing and Mr. John Marshall being the fairest proposer for the undertaking of the building at 50,000 pounds of Tobacco to finish it according to A Rough Scheme this day read in open Court to the proposers, ordered that the said Marshall give Bond with good and sufficient security in the sum of 100,000 pounds of Tobacco, to finish the said work by the last day of December next."

JOHN ROBBINS,
THOS. CABLE, Cl. Cur.

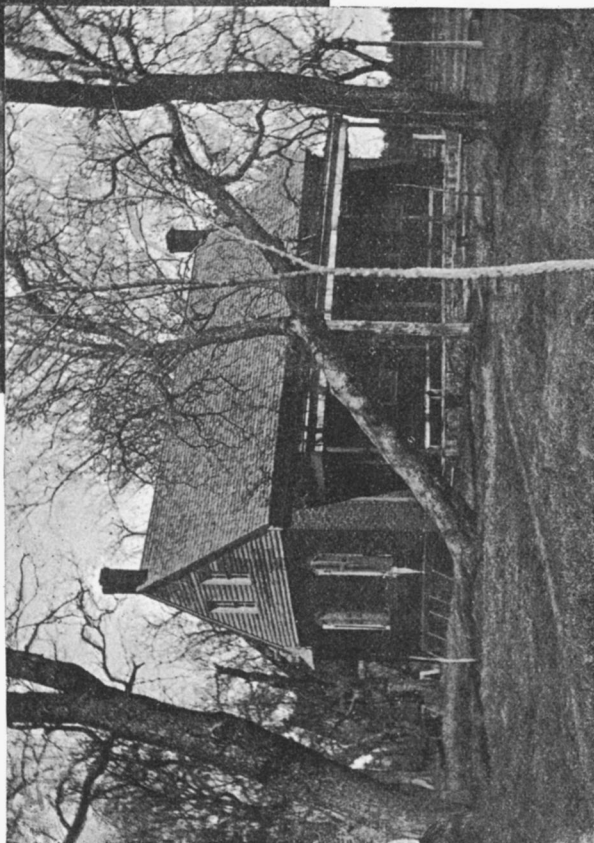
Order Book No. 10, P. 66.

Then towards the close of the year another entry shows that the work was then nearly completed.

At a Court held for Northampton County for laying the County Levy in the 30th Day of Nov., 1731, the following are among the items provided for:

To Luke Johnson for Surveying the Court	
house land	500 pounds of Tobacco
To John Marshall to be paid him down to-	
wards building the Court house.....	25,000
To John Marshall, but not to be paid until	
the court house is finished.....	25,000

At the March term of the Court Thomas Savage deeded the 10 acres around the court house to the County and in exchange the Court gave the old court house to Mr. Savage. This would seem to fix the date of the old building which still stands on the side of the street Eastville, just in front of the present court house building and which



CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE.
' FRONT AND SIDE VIEWS.

was for so many years the court house of the County, until it was superceded by a larger one erected in 1797. It seems that the present one is the sixth in order of succession since 1654, when the first record of such a building appears.

CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE.

The court house of Chesterfield county is one of the few of the colonial period now remaining in the State. By destruction by fire, rebuilding or removal of site, most of the older buildings of this character have disappeared. In the minutes of Chesterfield County Court, July 7, 1749, the following appears:

"John Booker came into Court and with Edward Booker, James Robertson and John Wayles his Securities, entered into and acknowledged their Bond to the Justices of this County in the sum of five hundred pounds, but upon condition to be void in Case the said John Booker shall build a Court house, prison and pillary for the use of the said County situated convenient to the Spring adjacent to the old Field commonly called Cold Water Run & to finish the said buildings as follows to wit., The Courthouse to be of the same Dimensions and like materials as the present Courthouse of Henrico County [at Varina] (except the floor to be of plank) and to be delivered up complete by the first day of October 1750 and the prison and pillory of wood sufficient for the purpose to be delivered up completed by the last day of October next ensuing this Date.

In consideration whereof the said Justices undertake for themselves and their Successors to Cart Shells to the place for erecting such buildings sufficient for the same and likewise to pay [&c., &c.]"

In May, 1779, Henry Hamilton, the British Governor of Detroit, who had been captured by Clark, was committed to the jail at Chesterfield C. H. He was only kept here a few weeks when he was taken to Williamsburg where he was placed in irons in retaliation for his alledged instigation of cruelty by the Indians under his command. About August 1, 1780, he was again brought to Chesterfield C. H., where, as he says, his "Confinement was rendered very tolerable." On October 10th, he was released on parole. (Butterfield's *George Rogers Clark's Conquest of the Northwest*, 378, 412, 744.)

In 1781 the State had a depot for military supplies at the Court House. In April, 1781, the British forces, under Phillips, destroyed a considerable amount of stores here and burnt the Court House. There has been some discussion as to whether the present building is on the original site; but it is most probable that the low thick walls were not matrially damaged by the fire and that the house as it now

stands is a reconstruction of the old building. The brick work of the walls is evidently of colonial date.

Many noted trials have taken place, among them that of Thomas Ritchie, Jr., for killing John Hampden Pleasants in a duel.

The spring referred to in the order still flows as abundantly as it did in 1749.

POYTHRESS NOTES.

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY RECORD.

(1) Deed, July 20, 1715, from Francis Poythress of Westover parish, Prince George, to Peter Grammar of same.

(2) Deed, November 8, 1720, from Francis Poythress, the elder, of Prince George, and John Poythress, Jr., of the same.

(3) Deed, November 15, 1721, from Burrell Green and Ann his wife, to Francis Poythress of Surry county, conveying a tract of land in Prince George, patented by Rebecca Poythress (being in all 1,000 acres) on April 29, 1692, half of which land is in the possession of Littlebury Eppes, 300 acres of said land was given to Rebecca Poythress, daughter of said Rebecca, and 200 to the said Anne Green.

(4) Will of John Poythress ["Jordans" written on the page of the record book] proved May, 1724, legatees, sons John, Francis, William and Thomas; daughters Rebecca, Elizabeth and Anne Poythress. Robert Poythress and John Woodlief executors.

(5) Deed July 9, 1725, from John Hardyman and Henrietta Maria his wife to Joshua Poythress, conveying 300 acres of land called Flower de Hundred.

(6) Deed, July 11, 1725, from Joshua Poythress, conveying to William Poythress 100 acres in Prince George.

(7) Suit, 1738, by Joshua and Francis Poythress *vs.* Hannah Poythress, executrix of Francis Poythress, deceased.

(8) William Poythress, a justice of Prince George, 1738.

(9) Francis Poythress, a justice of Prince George, 1738.

(10) Deed, September 10, 1720, from John Poythress, Sr., and Mary his wife, of Prince George (and others named Ligon, &c.), reciting that Henry Batte, deceased, of Prince George, in his will bequeathed a tract of land in Prince George, 1,200 acres, to his daughter, the said Mary Poythress, &c.

(11) The will of Henry Batte, of Prince George, was dated July 8, 1727, and proved October 2, 1727. His legatees were his mother, Mary Batte, sister Mary Poythress, &c.

(12) Will of Mary Poythress, of Prince George, dated February 9, 1782, proved February, 1788. Legatees, daughter Wilmuth Harri-

son; to daughter Susanna Poythress all of the rest of her estate, including the testator (Mary Poythress's) share in the property bequeathed by her deceased son Peter Poythress. Friends Nicholas Faulcon, Peter and Joshua Poythress executors.

(13) Deed, July, 1790, from William Poythress, son and heir of Peter Poythress, deceased.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY RECORDS.

(14) Marriage contract, Henrico county, April 9, 1739, between Charles Poythress and Catharine Crawford. Recorded in Chesterfield, 1762.

(15) Deed, July 23, 1765, from Francis Poythress, of Prince George county, conveying to Thomas Walke his interest in certain slaves now in the possession of Hannah Poythress, Mary Poythress and Peter Woodlief, which slaves "were devised by my grandfather" to be (after the death of his widow) divided equally among his children.

(16) Will of Elizabeth Anderson, October 9, 1759, makes bequest to grandson John Poythress.

RECORDS OF SURRY COUNTY.

(17) Deed, June 7, 1735, from Thomas Bolling, mariner, to Robert Poythress, of Prince George, conveying a tract of land on Nottoway River, Surry county.

(18) Will of William Short, dated December 14, 1756, proved March 15, 1757, legacies to daughter Mary Poythress's children, viz.: Joshua, William and Elizabeth Poythress, gives son-in-law Joshua Poythress all the negroes he had put in his hands.

(19) Suit, September 19, 1749, *vs.* Peter Poythress, carpenter.

(20) May 15, 1750, attachment obtained by Peter and Elizabeth Poythress, executors of Robert Poythress, deceased, and Joshua Poythress, executor of Thomas Poythress, deceased, against the estate of Thomas Sisson.

FARRAR NOTES.

Thomas Farrar born August 18, 1770.

Martha Farrar born March 25, 1785.

Children of Thomas and Martha Farrar:

1st. Frederick Hillsman Farrar born November 8, 1812.

2d. Elizabeth Howard Farrar born July 18, 1814, died in infancy.

3d. Thomas Prince Farrar born February 19, 1817.

4th. George Stites Farrar born July 31, 1818, died in infancy.

5th. Matilda Margaret Farrar, born April 7, 1820.

6th. Edgar Douglas Farrar born April 19, 1821.

7th. Chilian[?] Ford Stiles Farrar born February 15, 1823, died in infancy.

Frederick H. Farrar married Mary I. J. Bullock. Their children were: Frederick Hillsman, Jr., Thomas Prince and Martha I. J.

F. H. Farrar, Jr., married Emma Tew. He served in the Confederate States Army and was killed at the Battle of Murfreesboro. Thomas Prince Farrar, his brother, served in the Confederate States Army, and was killed at the Battle of Port Republic, dying unmarried. Martha I. J. Farrar married in 1869, Robert Montgomery of "Bleak Hill," near Rocky Mount, Va.

(3d) Thomas Prince Farrar married Mary Gwault of New Orleans, and had (a) Jane Kempe Farrar, married Augustus E. Bass; (b) Anne Howard Farrar, married Henry E. Richardson; (c) Edgar Howard Farrar of New Orleans, married June 20, 1878, Lucinda Davis Stamps; (d) Thomas Prince Farrar; (e) Gwault Farrar married Maud Fentress and had several children; (f) Field Montgomery Farrar.

Edgar Howard Lucinda Farrar had issue: (1) Edgar H. J., born March 19, 1879; (2) Mary Humphreys, married Joseph Goldberger; (3) Anna Gwault, married Richard F. Goldsborough; (4) Lucinda Davis; (5) Edith Barnes; (6) Matilda Maury; (7) Jane Kempe; (8) Isaac Davis Stamps; (9) Thomas Prince.

(5th) Matilda Margaret Farrar married — Alderson.

(6th) Edgar Douglas Farrar married Elizabeth Walton and had issue: (1) Walton, died unmarried; (2) Howard, died unmarried; (3) Floyd Waters, married Miss Hall and had several children; (4) Mary, married Cecil Mosby.

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NOTE ON THROCKMORTON FAMILY.

(See this Magazine in Vols. VI. 4; VII, 1, 3; IX, 2; XIV, 4; XV, 1, and *William and Mary Quarterly*, Vols. II, III, IV, V, XI, XIII, XIV.)

In Lansdown MSS, 921 (date about 1669), under Brampton Hunts, gives the following:

On the north side of the church, upon a flat gray marble stone, Christ S. S.: Juditha nuper charissimo uxori Ludovici Phillips gen. et uni filiarum.

Gabraëlis Throckmorton ar. Idem Ludovicus hoc monumentum posuit non sine; ladiusuis obiit 21 die X bris anno dni 1665 et atatis suae 57 R. P. 1657, A. P. ux J. P. 1640.

Christ S. S.: Hic Jacet Ludovicus Phillips sum peccatorum gradus ut non sine spe fidelis ina beata resurrectionis per Jesu hoc eruertum ab in illa Ventura amen.

Hoc vivus com posuit obiit 20 die — Febr. ano Dni 1669.

Gabriel Throckmorton, of Ellington Hunts=Alice, dau. and heir of
b. Tuesday, 9th April, 1577; bapt. 16th April, 1577; d. January, 1626; bur. All Saints Church,
Ellington, 24th January, 1626. Wm. Bedell, of Stock-
den Beds, and Mary
Cartwright. She was
buried at All Saints
Church 16th Oct., 1637.

Gabriel Throckmorton. bapt. 22d May, 1610; d. 1673; m. Margaret —, in Ireland, 1669.	Mary=Owen Bromsall. — Mercie=m. (John ?) Jackson.	Alice, bapt. May 21, 1612; d. 1669; will dat. 28 Oct., 1669; mar. 11 Dec., 1669.
Elizabeth=Edwin Sandys, of Wlburton, Isle of Ely.		Judith, bapt. July 21, 1608; d. 21 Dec. 1665; m. Lewis Phillips.

1st wife. Anne Chase=Robt. Throckmorton, of Elling- dau. of Robt. Chase, ton; bapt. All Saints Church 15 of London, and Aug., 1609; d. Sept., 1657; will Eliz. Starkie, widow dat. 14 Sept., 1657; prov. 11 of Richard Dorrington. June, 1664.	2d wife. Judith Hetley, dau. Thomas Hetley, of Brampton Hunts, and Eliz. Gore.
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Albion Throckmorton, under age 1664; ob. s. p. 1684; admn. 31 Dec., 1685.	Robert. ob. s. p. 1684; adm. 31 Dec., 1685.	John. In Virginia.
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2d husband. Henry Keene=Mary of Bugden; had no children.	1st husband. Mary=Richard Powell, of Bugden Hunts, Cadwallader Powell and Mary m. John Autrobus, of London.
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NEW LONDON, BEDFORD COUNTY, VA.

Deed Book A, p. 434. Contributed by C. B. BRYANT, Martinsville, Va.

Wm. Calloway, by deed of 28 Marc, 1757, (D. B. A., p. 113) conveyed to trustees for the county of Bedford 100 acres "at the forks of the roads near his house, to erect a courthouse & prison for the use of the said county. Richard Calloway, Zackery Isbell & Ben Howard are the trustees, appointed Nov. 1755, trustees on behalf of the county to receive deed from Wm. Calloway of 100 acres and 'sell same in Lotts, &c.'"

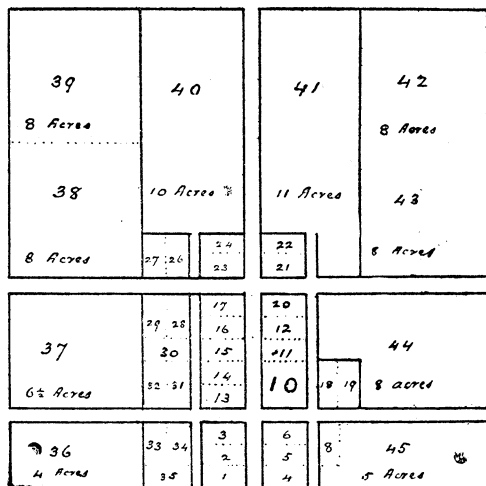
At a court held at the courthouse in Bedford county March 29, 1757:

"The court doth order that the trustees for the county lay out the land belonging to said county in Lotts of half acres each, as long again as wide, to be sold for £1. 1. 8 each, provided the purchaser shall build a house framed twenty by sixteen on each Lott within one year after

purchasing, and a brick or stone chimney within four years, and that the subscribers for the said Lotts after being numbered draw for their Lotts at May court, and that the said town be called by the name of New London."

The following persons were the purchasers :

Colo. Wm. Calloway.....No. 1	Rich. Doggett.....No. 38
James Calloway....." 2	Alex'r Sawyers....." 37
Richard Doggett....." 3	" "....." 36
Alexander Sawyers....." 13	John Calloway....." 35
William Bumpass....." 14	John Payne....." 4
John Thompson....." 15	Howard & Mead....." 5
Richard Doggett....." 16	Mead (Wm.)....." 6
Wm. Ingles....." 17	Nath'l Gist....." 8
William Christian....." 23	Ct-house....." 10
Ambross Bramblett....." 28	James Nail (Newell)....." 18
Thos. Walker....." 26	" "....." 19
" "....." 27	Colo. John Smith....." 11
Alexr. Boreland....." 32	Henry Darnald....." 12
Matthew Talbott....." 29	Joshua Early....." 20
" "....." 21	Mead & Howard....." 45
Patrick Henecil....." 31	James Nail (Newell)....." 44
Colo. Rd. Calloway....." 30	Howard & Mead....." 41
John Thompson....." 40	Nath'l Gist....." 42
Wm. Ingles....." 39	Howard & Meade....." 43



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